CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1987 AT 9:30 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Albert, J. Boivin, P. Fazio, B. MacKay, C. Ross, P. Shizgal, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy, M. Wilkins, A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

F. Bird, J. Doukas, M. Szabo

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-87-10-08-D24	RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DES PROGRAMMES DU FONDS FCAR
SRC-87-10-08-D25	RAPPORT DU GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR LES SUBVENTIONS DE RECHERCHE CONJOINTE AU COMITE DE LA RECHERCHE
SRC-87-10-08-D26	PRELIMINARY RESPONSE RE: RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DES PROGRAMMES DU FONDS FCAR (one page)
SRC-87-10-08-D27	MEMO TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE RE: SSHRC VISIT ON 3 NOVEMBER 1987

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair. New graduate student representatives J. Boivin and M. Wilkins were welcomed.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Albert, Shizgal) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 3 September 1987 be approved.

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II. INTRODUCTION OF ALBERT MATE - DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

2.1 Mr. Mate discussed Concordia's research libraries and their problems regarding lack of space and funding.

2.2 The Committee mentioned possible methods of communication which they would like implemented in our library system.

2.3 It was agreed that Mr. Mate and Dr. Martin Cohen would be invited to the December Senate Research Committee meeting.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A/ Senate Research Committee - Meeting Schedule

3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that although attempts were made to change Thursday's meeting schedule, this was not possible. In order to accommodate those with teaching schedules, it was decided that future meetings will begin at 9:15 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month.

B/ Replacement of Dr. John Doukas and Dr. Fred Bird

3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that Dr. Doukas would no longer be available to attend the Senate Research Committee meetings due to his teaching schedule, and Dr. Bird would no longer be available since he is on Sabbatical.

3.2 The Chair questioned the Committee as to how a replacement could be found for both members. It was decided that Dr. C. Ross would consider a replacement for Dr. Doukas. The Committee was asked to nominate suitable candidates from the Humanities as a replacement for Dr. Bird.

C/ SSHRC Visit to Concordia

3.1 The Chair referred to the memo regarding the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's

visit to Concordia on 3 November 1987 (document SRC-87-10-08-D27). There will be three parts to this meeting: 1) the Closed Session where SSHRC will meet with Concordia administrators; 2) the Open Session to which the Senate Research Committee was encouraged to attend. At this meeting, Concordia researchers and students will have the opportunity to question the Council; and 3) the wine and cheese reception in the Faculty Club to which the Committee was invited.

3.2 The Chair urged members of the Committee to publicize this important event and mentioned that an advertisement would appear twice in the Thursday Report and several times in The Link.

D/ Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec

3.1 The Chair reported to the Committee that an FRSQ document (not distributed to members) will require a response.

3.2 It was suggested by the Chair that a sub-Committee consisting of Dr. Albert and Dr. Shizgal would speak to Dr. Alex Schwartzman of Psychology re: the FRSQ document and that they would then report back to the Committee.

E/ Rapport du groupe de travail sur les subventions de recherche conjointe au comité de la recherche
(Document SRC-87-10-08-D24)

3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that the above CREPUQ document which was to have been in its final version, still raised a number of questions at the last CREPUQ meeting.

3.2 As a result, the Chair mentioned that this document could be commented on if members felt it necessary. These changes are to be submitted to the Chair as early as possible in order to allow sufficient time for comments to be received by Mr. Réginald Lacroix at CREPUQ by 31 October 1987.

3.3 The Chair mentioned that the document is divided into two parts: the first dealing with adminis-

trative matters and the second with researchers' responsibilities.

F/ Professional Consultation Overheads

3.1 The Chair reported that he had not yet received a response from the Vice-Rectors regarding professional consultation overheads and that he expects to be able to have a progress report by the next Senate Research Committee meeting.

G/ Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

3.1 Ms. Williams reported that there was a 13% decrease in overall funding in the first quarter of 1987 as compared to last year. The Faculty of Commerce was the only one to show an overall increase.

3.2 Ms. Williams mentioned that there has not yet been a response from NRC regarding the Technology Liaison Office with UQAM.

3.3 Concordia will be sharing a booth with UQAM at the Salon de PME Exhibition to be held at the Palais de Congrès from October 30th - November 1st, 1987. The Office of Research Services will be contacting two or three Centres to provide video displays and other research information.

H/ Concordia Research Brochure

3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that a four-page brochure has been prepared for use in the private sector which describes research at Concordia.

IV. RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DES PROGRAMMES DU FONDS FCAR
(Documents SRC-87-10-08-D24 and SRC-87-10-08-D26)

4.1 The Chair mentioned that at the Senate Research Committee meeting of 3 September 1987, the Committee had agreed to look at three sections of the Rapport d'Evaluation document: Equipes et séminaires, Centres de recherche, and Bourses.

4.2 Dr. Shizgal mentioned that the Committee should specifically respond to the question of Centres (bottom of page 26 and top of page 27). Drs. Fazio and Shizgal will prepare a draft response for the Chair. Graduate students Boivin and Wilkins will prepare a draft response re: Bourses, and C.H. Langford and A.J. Williams will look at Equipes et séminaires.

4.3 The Chair referred to the draft resolution (SRC-87-10-08-D26) and asked the Committee whether they wished to make a preliminary comment of this sort to FCAR.

4.4 The following changes were made to the draft: The last sentence in paragraph one was changed to read "... the allocations to infrastructure for research and creation and scientific equipment announced in the last Québec budget." The last sentence of paragraph two was changed to read: "This is necessary to prevent the development of a major new gap compared to other provinces which will result in the loss of Québec's competitiveness through advanced research and high technology."

4.5 The Chair presented the motion to approve the revised draft.

Moved by Dean Swamy; Seconded by Dr. Shizgal.
Motion Carried.

4.6 The Chair will write a letter to the Conseil des universités and the Ministre de l'enseignement supérieur et de la science endorsing the resolution and will incorporate various points presented by the Committee.

V. PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF EXISTING CENTRES (Continuing item)

5.1 Due to lack of time, this item will be put back on the agenda of the 5 November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.